

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Visiting Fellowship scheme is designed to attract leading researchers to Lincoln to undertake a significant programme of engagement with a wide cross-section of the University. This scheme enables research groups to attract to Lincoln distinguished, international researchers, including policy makers, representatives of the arts, business, government and industry.

Scheme objectives:

- To raise the profile of the University of Lincoln as a centre of research excellence;
- To engage with external experts and to foster new international collaborations and partnerships;
- To foster interdisciplinary research within the University of Lincoln research community;
- To provide a new forum for the exchange of research ideas.

Visiting fellows are expected to be based in Lincoln. Visits will last between ten days and one month, although fellows can be hosted for a maximum of ten weeks in exceptional circumstances. During their visit, it is expected that the fellow(s) will contribute to the wider activity of the university, engaging with a wide cross-section of the research community. Applicants should therefore identify events and activities which the proposed International Fellow will contribute to or lead which enhance the research programmes, strategies and knowledge exchange across these different groups. The programme of events should aim to incorporate some of the following:

- Research or training event (preferably targeted at early career scholars)
- A public lecture
- Interdisciplinary activity aimed at an audience beyond the Fellow's immediate field of specialism, e.g. lecture, performance, exhibition, seminar, workshop
- Presentation of Fellow's core research to targeted audience
- Outreach or Knowledge Exchange activities
- Workshop, masterclass, or similar
- Formal exploration of further collaborative opportunities with groups/individuals beyond the Applicants research area
- Cross-university and/or cross-sector meetings

Fellows are required to contribute material as requested by the LIAS (e.g. posters / podcasts/ profile information) so that the Institute can use this information to promote the visit and scheduled events, and maximise the benefits to both parties. Nominators are also expected to complete a final report upon the conclusion of their visit.

Eligibility:

Fellows are expected to be senior research leaders who are recognised for their international excellence. The calibre of the nominated Fellow is of paramount importance and the application and supporting CV is expected to convey the leading impact of the Fellow's expertise within their field.

Criteria for selection of Fellows will focus strongly on the excellence of the candidate and the fit of the proposed visit to institutional research strategies. Feasibility and appropriateness of the activities planned or offered will also be of importance. Decisions will be made by the LIAS board, which includes two DVCs, the College directors of research, and the director of the IAS as detailed in our assessment criteria.

While the main aim of the scheme is to foster international research collaborations, it may be possible to host Fellows based in the UK if their visit would enhance strategically important research within the University of Lincoln.

It is expected that visiting Fellows will be members of research organisations and universities but members of the arts community, policy makers and representatives from business and industry, etc. are also eligible. Applicants may be based in any country. For those applicants based in the UK, the application should explain the added value to Lincoln of hosting the Fellow.

Funding and further information

- Fellows must be nominated by an academic member of staff who will serve as the nominator and main point of contact of the Fellow during their visit to Lincoln. The nominator must seek the support of his/her School in advance of the nomination.
- The host School will be responsible for providing suitable office accommodation for the Fellow during the visit.
- The scheme will cover the fellow's accommodation and reasonable travel costs* (international and local trips to and from campus) as well as a £35 per day contribution towards living costs (to a maximum of £840)
- The Institute for Advanced Studies will cover the agreed costs of the events proposed by the fellows during their visits to Lincoln.
- All awards are made on the basis of single continuous visits, with no provision for partners or children, or additional travel whilst based in Lincoln.
- All insurance and visa requirements are the responsibility of the fellow and/or host School, and the latter will also normally be expected to provide space for the fellow.
- The award holder will be allocated lodging in our comfortable apartment located a 5 – 10 minute walk away from the main campus. There may, however, be occasions when this is not possible due to non-availability of rooms and we will work with the award holder to identify alternative accommodation. For further information, please contact lias@lincoln.ac.uk.

*Please refer to the University of Lincoln travel policy